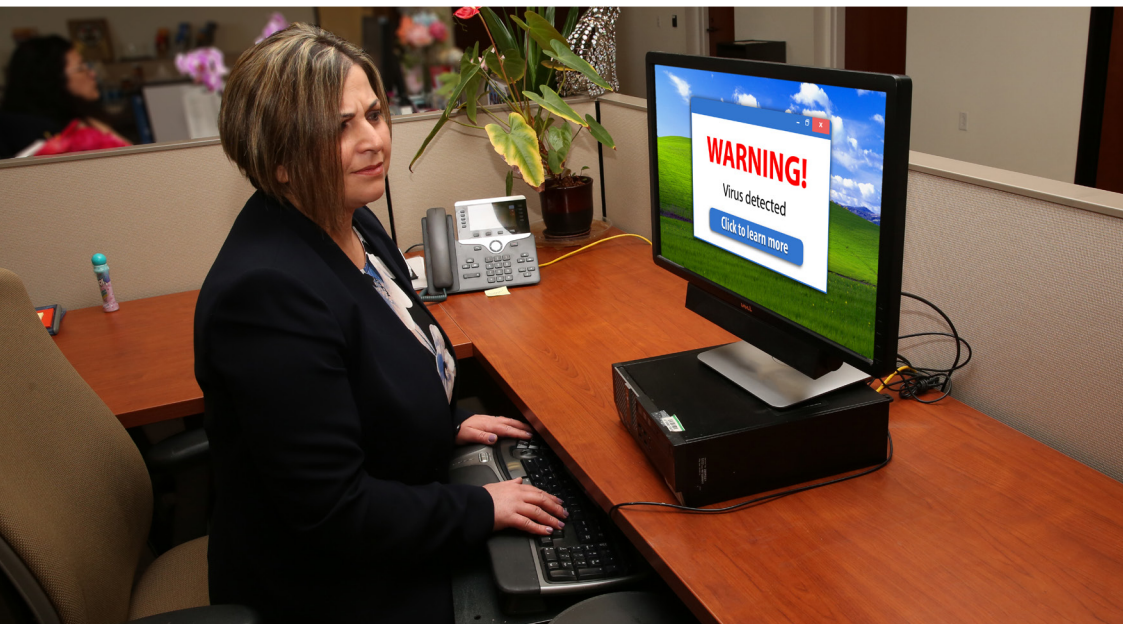# Fake Virus Alert Scam

FRAUD ALERT

Helpful Tips

Clicking on a pop-up window warning about computer virus threats could have the opposite effect for those who aren't careful.

In the Fake Virus Alert Scam, victims receive a fraudulent pop-up claiming that viruses have been detected on their computer and directing them to click on a link to stop the cyberattack or update security measures. In reality, the alert is the real threat.

Clicking on a fake virus warning can cause damaging malware to be downloaded and expose victims' data and personal information.

- Alerts from security software not already installed on a computer probably are fake.

- Don't click or attempt to close the pop-up window; restart your web browser instead.

- Run a manual security scan if a computer may be at risk.

To learn about other frauds, visit **http://da.lacounty.gov/community/fraud-alerts**

WARNING!
Virus detected
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IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF A SCAM, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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